

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DOCKET NO.
99-42 CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY, REVISION TO TERMS
AND CONDITIONS, SINGLEPHASE OVERHEAD LINE EXTENSIONS,
CUSTOMER'S INSTALLATION AND METERS**

On January 22, 1999, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) filed a proposed revision of its line extension policy. The new policy will set line extension charges on CMP's estimated cost of the actual extension. The chart below, prepared by CMP, describes the major differences between the current and proposed policy.

Current Policy	Proposed Policy
1. No charge for first 300 feet of line for each new customer.	Customer pays separately for entire length of line constructed except as provided in #2.
2. Overhead transformer, service cable & meter provided for through rates.	Overhead or padmount transformer, service cable, & meter provided for through rates.
3. Cost to customer = \$0.11/foot per month for 60 months for distances greater than 300' and less than 2000' on public way or 1000' on a private way.	Cost to customer = Work Management System (WMS) designed cost for construction of the customer's line extension and other costs incurred by CMP to install the line.
4. Extensions > 2000' in a public way, or > 1000' in a private way require an up-front payment for the cost of additional distance, tax on the amount of the contribution, and monthly O&M until line density is met.	There is no differentiation on the length of lines. Customers pay the full cost of their line extension up-front including tax on the amount of the contribution. Customers will not be required to make O&M payments on any lines.

<p>5. When customers take service from a line extension still under contract (within the 60 month payment period), CMP recalculates line extension monthly payments taking all customers present on the line into consideration. This process is referred to as reapportionment of the line.</p>	<p>Since the full cost of the line will be paid up-front, there is no reapportionment of the line. However, if a customer requests service from a line that was constructed within the prior three years, the new customer and each additional customer who requests service from the line will make a \$500 payment to CMP to be passed through to the customer who originally paid to have the line constructed.</p>
<p>6. Developers are required to contribute the cost of the construction up-front less 300' for each customer ready to take service. Developers pay monthly O&M payments until the required density is reached.</p>	<p>Developers have the same requirements as other line extension customers. They will have no O&M payments.</p>
<p>7. All line extension contracts are reviewed annually for five years to determine if additional customers have taken service from the line, and if so, the payments are reapportioned and refunds made if appropriate.</p>	<p>As part of connecting new customers to CMP's system, CMP will determine if a Development Incentive Payment is appropriate. Development Incentive Payments will only be transferred for three years.</p>
<p>8. Customer-owned lines receive the first 300' of a line at no charge.</p>	<p>Customers who build private lines will be required to build up to the point where their lines connect to CMP's existing system. They will also be required to pay the WMS designed cost of the work to attach their lines to CMP's system and any other costs incurred by CMP to attach to CMP's system.</p>

<p>9. CMP buys customer-owned line when a second customer requests service from the line, then puts both customers on the line extension policy payment plan.</p> <p>The original customer is responsible for paying any maintenance necessary to bring the line up to CMP standards when CMP takes ownership of the line.</p>	<p>When a second customer requests service from the line, the original customer conveys the line to CMP. The customer who paid the construction costs of the line will receive a Development Incentive Payment from the second and any additional customers for a three year period.</p> <p>The second customer is also responsible for paying any maintenance necessary to bring the line up to CMP standards and the tax implications that occur as a result of CMP taking ownership of the line.</p>
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The Commission plans to hold a technical conference on the proposed line extension policy on March 9, 1999 at 1:30 in the Commission's Hearing Room, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine. The technical conference will allow Commission Staff and other interested persons to ask questions of CMP personnel about the proposed changes. Persons interested in being on the Commission's service list to receive notices from the Commission about this case should file a letter with the Commission's Administrative Director Dennis Keschl, 242 State Street, State House Station 18, Augusta, Maine 04333, describing their interest. Please include the Docket No. 99-42 on the letter. Persons wishing to participate in the technical conference should so indicate in the letter. A copy of the complete filing is available by contacting Debra Mills, Central Maine Power Company (207) 626-9798.